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In re application of:
PAUL D. CORL *et al.*

Application No. 10/658,926

Filed: September 9, 2003

For: Apparatus for Ascertaining Blood
Characteristics and Probe for Use
Therewith

Examiner: To be assigned

Art Unit: 3763

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment should be considered before examination of the referenced application.